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1. INDEPENDENCE PARTY-AFFILIATED DAILY VISIR TODAY REPORTED THAT ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF) WILL GET TWO AWACS AIRCRAFT IN OCTOBER. ACCORDING TO REPORT, AIRCRAFT WILL BE FIRST DEPLOYED TO EUROPE AND THAT AT \$100 MILLION PER COPY, PLANES, SAID TO BE MOST MODERN OF TYPE EVER BUILT, WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAND-BASED RADAR. REPORT STATES THAT NATURE OF EQUIPMENT AND SIZE OF PLANE WILL REQUIRE SOME CHANGE IN HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS AND INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. IN CONVERSATION WITH VISIR REPORTER, FONMIN AGUSTSSON IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT SO LONG AS THERE IS NEED FOR DEFENSE, IT MUST BE AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE. ARTICLE QUOTES FONMIN AS SAYING THAT OLDER AIRCRAFT WOULD BE REPLACED BY AWACS BUT THERE MIGHT BE A TEM-
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PORARY INCREASE IN IDF WHILE CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE.
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2. IDF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER RECEIVED QUEIRIES
MARCH 13 FROM ICELANDIC STATE TELEVISION AND NEXT
DAY FROM VISIR CONCERNING RUMORS OF AWACS DEPLOYMENT

AND POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WOULD MEAN INCREASE 400
RPT 400 AMERICANS AT NATO BASE. IDF PAO RESPONDED
TO QUESTIONS BY QUOTING FROM GUIDANCE IN REFTELS.
IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL
REQUIRED, PAO ADDED THAT TOTAL FIGURE WOULD NOT EVEN
APPROACH 400. WHEN ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE FIRST
AWACS DEPLOYMENT TO EUROPE, IDF PAO REPLIED THAT HE
HAD NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES ON SUBJECT TO
DATE BUT ANTICIPATES THAT OTHER NEWSPAPERS MAY MAKE
QUEIRIES NOW THAT STORY HAS BROKEN IN PRESS.
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